

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN TOLEDO, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone in the life of Wesley United Methodist Church in Toledo, Ohio. I was privileged to participate in the congregation's celebration this weekend.

In 1891, the Reverend Homer Hood found a church building on the corner of Spring Street in Toledo. He established a Sunday school class there, and the church community grew. A decade later, women of the WTCU began selling ten cent doughnuts to raise funds to build a church of their own.

In 1924, the cornerstone of Wesley United Methodist Church was laid at 2934 Stickney Avenue in the heart of Toledo's North End, the oldest part of the city. The church was raised and Wesley United Methodist Church has been firmly planted at this location ever since. Even in the dark days of America's Great Depression, the congregation grew. Notably, John G. Kingsley made the mortgage payments, at the cost of his own business. Fortunately, he was able to restart his business later. Throughout the 1940s the church continued to grow. As World War II carried on in that decade, many members were part of the war effort, with some giving the ultimate sacrifice in battle. The 1950s and 1960s saw continuing growth, mission work, choirs and a junior church with two active youth groups.

The 1970s and 1980s brought change, but the church remained an anchor in the neighborhood and provided outreach. The church welcomed its first female minister to the pulpit, with Dr. Margaret Mallory's installation in her first congregation. The 1990s brought further change and a partnership with Broadway United Methodist Church that lasted briefly. The congregation also celebrated a glorious 100th anniversary in 1991.

The dawn of the congregation's life in a third century brought Pastor Waverly Earley, whose service continues to this day. The congregation is committed to being "the hands and feet of Jesus" in our community. Parishioners describe themselves as a "caring family, closely knitted together and striving to serve God in all ways that are possible." Living Jesus Christ's message described in Matthew 25:40 that "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me," the church is committed to active ministry and is involved in the North Toledo Citizens Circle for ex-offenders, host of Camp Toledo, and Toledo Area Ministries' Feed Your Neighbor's largest site. The church's Mary/Martha Circle continues its behind-the-scenes mission efforts to help support the congregation. The church offers a participatory youth group and youth choir and recently added a Men's Group and a men's chorus. Family is the focus with family movie nights, ice cream socials, harvest dinners, outdoor services, Vacation Bible School and milestone celebrations of faith.

Wesley United Methodist Church congregants declare that they are "serving God and mankind with our SWEAT." That is, "Service, Worship, Evangelism, Alliances, and

Teachings." For more than a century, its members have brought that zeal to its neighborhood in North Toledo, serving as a beacon of hope and light. As the congregation celebrated 125 years of rich history, it looks forward with faith continuing its journey with Jesus.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO'S HONORABLE VETERANS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the many veterans who risked their lives serving Sacramento and the United States. Each of the below veterans were nominated by their organization and Post leaders in recognition of their outstanding dedication to their country. Mr. Speaker, as these veterans and their families gather to celebrate their invaluable contributions to our community, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the following veterans for their commitment and the sacrifices they have made for their fellow veterans and our region.

Tino Adame, Theodore E. Adams, Michael G. Andrade, James M. Armstrong, Renee Bickerstaff, Melvin M. Bisgay, Phillip Blanco, Nigel "Tony" Boucher, James A. Brashear, Garren W. Bratcher, Carol L. Brush, John A. Buck, Melvin R. Buzzard, Jenny "Leilani" Callison, Chuck G. Carter, Selso A. Cavazos, Christine Chalmers, Sherry Lou Chavez, Naraya Comeault, Jon Cornett, JoAnn C. Coughlin, Raymond J. Coughlin, Anthony R. Creel, Hugh E. Crooks, Jr., Lewis Derfuss, Erma "Tootsie" Dougherty, Dale E. Esperante, Sister Libby Fernandez, RSM, Edward L. Ford, Fred Gagliardini, Esq., Victor Michael Garcia, Charles "Chuck" Gardner, Steven Goch, Frank Goehringer, Patrick A. Graham, Joseph Handy, Bobby Hanks, Don Harper, Jason Henry.

Elva O. Herrera, Tobrin S. Hewitt, Nellie Hill, Phelps Hobart, Wendy Van Houten, Michael R. Hughes, Vito Imbasciani, M.D., David L. Jackson, Deborah K. Johnson, FL Johnson, Robyn A. King, Renee M. Kuznik, Ben Lapolla, Elwood "Bud" Lee, James J. Lim, Shing Long, Kenneth Lusk, Buford Lee Maples, Brian J. McGuinness, Dennis A. McKey.

Michael Allen Mellow, Toney Meredith, Diana Russell-Milton, James Milton, Larry Steven Minasian, Silvia Moseley, George Moses, Peter Muse, Dana Nichol, John Otero, Rebecca S. Overby, Garry L. Overby, Col. Steven R. Painter (Ret.), Bobbi J. Park, Charles W. Peterson, Jerome "Jerry" Quint, Dr. Mariana M. Raba, Greg Raffa, John H. Reece.

Mark E. Reichert, Sanford Earl Ross, James "Jim" Rounsavell, Terry Sandhoff, Patricia "Patty" H. Schumacher, Gene Ag Shropshire, Cheryl R. Shropshire, Dale E. Smith, Randy B. Smith, Mark "Coach" Soto, Paul Sullivan, Rick J. Sutter, Anna M. Sutton, Ray Tarango, Wallace Allen Taylor, Roger G. Van Tassel, Justin P. Turner, Joe Velasquez, Suzanne "Suzi" Vinci, Melissa A. Washington.

Rhett W. White, Howard R. Williams, Baldwin Y. Wong, Michael S. Wong, Juanzelyn Charice Wright, Wayne A. Wright, Wayne W. Wright, Eduardo Yanez.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Bisgay, Dimples McCray, Willie McCray, Jr., Ruben C. Ramos, Gary E. Ross,

Malenda E. Smith, Valentino L. Soto, Ewing Bruce Townely, Robert Wayne Turner, Robert V. Welch.

HONORING PROFESSOR LYLE ROSENBERGER OF BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Professor Lyle Rosenberger of Bucks County Community College. Professor Rosenberger is the 2016 recipient of The National Society of the Daughters of The American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal. The Washington Crossing Chapter is pleased to present this award in recognition of Professor Rosenberger's accomplishments in the area of historic preservation.

In 1991 Professor Rosenberger established and directed the Historic Preservation Program at Bucks County Community College. This was an innovative achievement for a community college in the United States. He went on to lead this effort across the country.

Professor Rosenberger founded the ETA chapter of Sigma Pi Kappa, a national honor society for historic preservation students as well as the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) celebrating teaching the subject.

Many organizations have recognized Professor Rosenberger's achievements including Bucks County's Heritage Conservancy. And today, Mr. Speaker, I recognize Professor Rosenberger's achievements.

HONORING THE MARTINEZ HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martinez Historical Society, which is celebrating the 40th anniversary and the reopening of the Martinez Museum.

The Martinez Historical Society was established in 1973 with the ambitious goal of preserving a historical cottage dating to the 1890's so that future generations could appreciate our community's heritage. That cottage became the Martinez Museum in 1976, and it now serves as a cornerstone for community history and engagement. The museum has exhibits that encourage visitors to learn about the rich history of Martinez and offers tours to students and groups to encourage their curiosity and desire to learn about our diverse and cultured community.

In addition to operating the Martinez Museum, the Martinez Historical Society provides services to our community such as maintaining the Local History Library and the Archive of Martinez. These services are made even more notable when considering the organization operates with an all-volunteer staff. Furthermore, the Historical Society serves as a champion for education by offering school